

Town of Tremont, Maine
Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (TSWRC) Meeting Minutes
Tremont Community Building
Monday, August 25, 2003

1. **PRESENT:** Selectman Scott Harper, George Urbanneck, Elliott Spiker, Frank Gray, and Chairman John Buckwalter.
2. **VISITORS:** None.
3. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:35p.m.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Gray, Urbanneck moved to approve minutes from the August 11, 2003 meeting, with minor corrections; approved 5-0.
5. **REGULAR BUSINESS**
 - a. **Acadia Disposal District (ADD):** The committee discussed the August 20 meeting of the Acadia Disposal District (ADD), which four of our members attended. Considering the importance and relevance of the ADD, several of our members expect to routinely attend the ADD meetings. Selectman Harper is a member of both ADD and TSWRC.
 - b. **Solid Waste and Recycling:** The committee discussed a broad range of issues and challenges facing Tremont in its attempt to reduce solid waste and recycling costs. Although the solid waste contract with EMR runs until June 2007, we must start now to plan and provide recommendations to the Selectmen regarding the best ways to reduce costs in the future.
 - c. **Need for more and better data:** Preliminary figures indicate that Tremont is currently spending about \$100/person on disposal per year, or about \$400 for a family of four. These costs have increased dramatically over the years. Lee Yeaton collects disposal data from a number of towns. Buckwalter will ask Lee for a set of the figures for our review. However, there is some concern that the numbers for our area are provided by EMR and that there is no apparent watchdog insuring the validity of the record keeping.
 - d. **Site for ADD transfer station:** Various sites that have been proposed for the ADD transfer station were discussed, including a site in Town Hill, the existing Ellsworth transfer station, and the existing SWH facility. There is concern that the old SWH landfill site may be severely contaminated and could be very costly to clean up.
 - e. **Learning from others:** The committee is interested in visiting and seeing first hand disposal and recycling operations in other areas. Buckwalter will ask Lee Yeaton regarding a possible site visit to the Pleasant Bay transfer station. Buckwalter will also invite Lyle Dever to come to our next meeting to discuss how NE Harbor handles their recycling.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** No other business was discussed.
7. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, September 22, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elliott Spiker, Secretary (207/244-0910)